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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN PRESS FEATURES WESTERN ARMS ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE

REF: LUSAKA 0681 (NOTAL)

1. IN CONTRAST PREVIOUS LOW KEY TREATMENT OF THE EVENTS IN SHABA (REFTEL) ZAMBIAN PRESS MARCH 17 FRONT-PAGED REUTERS ACCOUNT OF MILITARY SUPPLIES BEING SENT TO ZAIRE. DAILY MAIL HEADLINED STORY "WESTERN POWERS RUSH ARMS TO ZAIRE" AND THE TIMES OF ZAMBIA FOLLOWED SUIT WITH "ARMS POUR INTO ZAIRE, AMERICA, BELGUIM TO THE RESCUE".

2. IN BODY OF THE STORY SHIPMENTS FROM THE U.S. ARE AT ONE POINT DESCRIBED AS ARMS, LATER THEY ARE ITEMIZED AS MATERIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN STATEMENT OF MARCH 15. STORY NOTES THAT TWO PLANE LOADS OF LIGHT WEAPONS HAVE BEEN DESPATCHED FROM BELGIUM AND REPORTS FRENCH HAVE A ZAIRIAN UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUEST UNDER CONSIDERATION.

3. REUTERS ACCOUNTS LISTS VARYING ESTIMATES OF THE SIZE OF THE INVADING FORCE AND MENTIONS ZAIRIAN INFERENCES THAT CUBANS AND SOVIETS INVOLVED.

4. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC OFFICIAL, NOR EDITORIAL COMMENT

ON THE SITUATION IN SHABA THUS FAR.

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